

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5-6, 8-12, 16-17, and 19-22 are amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Action indicates that claims 1-22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Action asserts that it is unclear whether each public key, or one of the two (or 2^s) public keys, includes a random number term.

Independent claims 1, 5-6, and 8-12 are amended to clarify that each of the two public keys includes therein a random number term, and independent claims 16-17 and 19-22 are amended to clarify that each of the 2^s public keys includes therein a random number term. Applicant submits that Claims 1-22 are now definite and in compliance with 35 USC 112.

Conclusion

This application is now believed to be in form for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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